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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: US STATEMENT ON LTBT COMPLIANCE
AT RESTRICTED MEETING - JULY 8

1. FOLLOWING IS US STATEMENT MADE AT RESTRICTED METING ON JULY
8, 1975:

BEGIN QUOTE: MR. MINISTER, I HAVE AN ADDITIONAL STATEMENT TO
MAKE CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EXCAVATION PNES AND THE
LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY OF 1963.

DURING OUR MEETING OF JUNE 25 YOU NOTED THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP
INVOLVES CONSIDERATIONS OF A TECHNICAL NATURE. IN MY STATE-
MENT AT THAT SAME MEETING I MENTIONED TWO SPECIFIC TECHNICAL
CONSIDERATIONS IN THIS AREA.

FROM THIS, I THINK WE CAN SAY WITH ASSURANCE THAT BOTH SIDES
RECOGNIZE THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PNE EXCAVATION AND THE
TREATY OF 1963 DOES INCLUDE IMPORTANT TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

THERE ARE, IN ADDITION, MUCH MORE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS OF
POLICY INVOLVED.

ANY AGREEMENT WE REACH ON PNES MUST EXPLICITLY STATE THAT THE
ACTIVITIES CONTEMPLATED BY THE AGREEMENT MUST BE FULLY

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CONSISTENT WITH THE TREATY OF 1963. THIS HAS BEEN STATED BY BOTH

SIDES.

THERE ARE UNCERTAINTIES BETWEEN US ABOUT THE PRACTICAL MEANING AND FEASIBILITY OF SUCH CONSISTENCY WITH THE TREATY OF 1963 AS CONCERNS MAJOR PNE EXCAVATIONS.

IN ORDER THAT THERE BE NO CHANCE OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT OUR VIEWS, I POINT OUT THAT WE ARE MAKING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 1(B) AND PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE TREATY SIGNED ON AUGUST 5, 1963.

THE US HAS REVIEWED ALL TECHNIQUES KNOWN TO US FOR CARRYING OUT PNE EXCAVATIONS. US STUDIES INDICATE THAT IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT MAJOR PNE EXCAVATIONS WITHOUT VIOLATING THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY OF 1963.

IN ASKING YOU HOW THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD PLAN TO CARRY OUT PNE EXCAVATIONS WITHOUT VIOLATING THE TREATY OF 1963, IT IS NOT OUR PURPOSE TO INQUIRE INTO YOUR NATIONAL ACTIVITIES. WE ARE SEEKING A BASIS FOR JOINING WITH YOU IN AN IMPORTANT AGREEMENT. THE PROPOSAL OR ACCEPTANCE BY THE US SIDE OF PROVISIONS IN A PNE AGREEMENT WHICH WILL SET UP SPECIAL TECHNOLOGICAL CONDITIONS ON EXCAVATION PNES MUST BE CONTINGENT UPON MUTUALLY-SATISFACTORY UNDERSTANDINGS ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EXCAVATION PNES AND THE TREATY OF 1963.

A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE BACKGROUND THAT MUST BE RECOGNIZED IS THE HISTORY OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES RELATIVE TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS UNDER THE TREATY OF 1963.

THE US HAS, OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS, COMMUNICATED ITS CONCERN TO THE SOVIET UNION ABOUT SOVIET UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS CAUSING RADIOACTIVE DEBRIS TO BE PRESENT OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL BORDERS OF THE SOVIET UNION. THESE COMMUNICATIONS HAVE HAD THE SOLE PURPOSE, UNRELATED TO ANY OTHER EVENTS OR CONSIDERATIONS, OF EXPRESSING US CONCERN OVER ACTIVITIES NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY OF 1963.

I MUST ASK AGAIN HOW THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD PLAN TO CARRY OUT PNE EXCAVATIONS WITHOUT VIOLATING THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY OF

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1963. AND I REPEAT THAT, IN ASKING THIS QUESTION, WHAT WE SEEK IS A BASIS FOR JOINING WITH YOU IN AN IMPORTANT AGREEMENT ON THE BASIS OF CLEAR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND SATISFACTION.

AS A PERSONAL OPINION, I WOULD SAY THAT THERE IS NO PROSPECT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE OF THE US UNDERTAKING THE PROCESS OF AMENDING THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY OF 1963. MOREOVER, I WOULD SAY THAT THERE IS NO PROSPECT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE OF

A RE-INTERPRETATION OF THAT TREATY WITHOUT AMENDMENT IN ORDER TO
MAKE MAJOR PNE EXCAVATION TECHNICALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE
PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY.

THE US SIDE IS NOT PREPARED TO DEVELOP A PNE AGREEMENT SETTING
FORTH PROVISIONS FOR EXCAVATION PNE IF IT IS STATED OR IMPLIED
THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL PERMIT PNE EXCAVATIONS THAT WOULD CAUSE
RADIOACTIVE DEBRIS TO BE PRESENT OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL BORDERS OF
THE STATE IN WHICH THE EXPLOSION TAKES PLACE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER STATEMENTS FROM YOU ON THIS IMPORTANT
SUBJECT.

THANK YOU. UNQUOTE
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